

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-20, and 22-25 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 6-20, and 22-25 stand rejected. In light of the remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 12, and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0103519 ("Balasundram"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that one skilled in the art would combine the APA with Balasundram to reduce the size, cost, and complexity of the system thereby reducing the overall number of wires needed in a multisystem application situation. However, Applicants respectfully submit that one would not be motivated to combine these two references to arrive at the claimed invention.

Balasundram discloses a TDM system that requires a header associated with the data to designate the destination for the data. In contrast, the pending claims explicitly recite that the data is transmitted in frames and is not addressed with a header but using data on a chip select line. Additionally, we note that in the prior art, the chip select line designated at the beginning and end of the entire data transmission. In contrast, the claimed chip select line designates the load control data and pilot data frames for a specific address. Thus, even if one were to combine the two references, one would not arrive at the explicitly recited claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that this combination fails to render the pending claims obvious. Applicants note that each reference is not being addressed individually but the combination of the two references is deficient as combined do they do not disclose what is claimed. Because Balasundram requires a header to associate the

data with the designated address, one would not look to Balasundram for any additional teaching with respect to the prior art.

Applicants have responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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